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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CVIS, PFOR, EG

SUBJECT: PLO DELEGATION TO UNGA DEBATE

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1. WHEN WITH FAHMY THIS MORNING, I TOLD HIM THAT US SECURITY AGENCIES CONSIDER PROPOSED ARAFAT PARTY (CAIRO 8995 AND RIBHI AWWAD) IS ENTIRELY TOO LARGE. THEY ARE WILLING TO ACCEPT THE THREE AIDES SUGGESTD BY ARAFAT (BEHLOULI, AWWAD AND FAROUK ABDEL RAHMAN) AND A MAXIMUM OF FOUR SECURITY PERSONS WHO ARE ASSUMED TO BE BODYGUARDS. MORE-OVER, PLO SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT ONLY PERSONS ON LIST IDENTIFIED AS SECURITY PERSONNEL WILL BE PERMITTED TO FUNCTION IN THIS CAPACITY IN NEW YORK. BEHLOULI, SINCE HE IS IDENTIFIED AS A PERSONAL ADVISOR, WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO HAVE A SECURITY ROLE, I ALSO TOLD FAHMY THAT DESPITE ASSURANCES PLO REPRESENTATIVES HAD GIVEN TO GOE AND LATTER HAD PASSED ON TO US, NONE OF THE NAMES ON ARAFAT'S LIST, INCLUDING ARAFAT HIMSELF, HAS AS YET BEEN NOTIFIED BY PLO REPRESENTATIVE TO UNSYG. NO AUTHORIZATION FOR ISSUANCE OF VISAS CAN BE GIVEN

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UNTIL USUN IS NOTIFIED BY UNSYG OF PLO MEMBERS WHO WILL COME

WITH ARAFAT. USG HAS AND WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO  
EXPEDITE VISAS, BUT PLO MUST COMPLY WITH NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE.  
I ASKED THAT GOE REMIND PLO IN WHATEVER WAY FEASIBLE THAT  
IT IS IN PLO'S OWN INTEREST TO COOPERATE.

2. SIRRI, WHO ALONG WITH ISAMA AL-BAZ WAS ALSO PRESENT,  
COMMENTED THAT IN HIS MEETING WITH PLO REPRESENTATIVES LAST  
NIGHT, THEY HAD EXPRESSED GREAT IMPATIENCE AT USG REFUSAL  
TO ISSUE VISAS. SIRRI OBSERVED THAT PLO HAS NO UNDERSTANDING  
OF INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMATIC PROCEDURES AND THAT HE HAD TRIED TO  
IMPRESS UPON THEM THE NEED TO FOLLOW THE PROCEDURAL ADVICE  
GIVEN THEM BY GOE. FAHMY CONCURRED, BUT PROFESSED NOT TO BE  
ABLE TO UNDERSTAND WHY ARAFAT'S BODYGUARDS (WHATEVER THEIR

NUMBER) SHOULD NOT BE ARMED. I REMINDED HIM THAT USG WILL  
ASSUME FULL PROTECTION FOR ARAFAT. FAHMY SAID  
HE UNDERSTANDS THIS, BUT OPINED THAT IF SOME OF ARAFAT'S  
BODYGUARDS ARE PERMITTED TO GO IN THAT CAPACITY, HE OUGHT  
TO ALLOW THEM TO BE ARMED. I SAID THAT I HOPED GOE HAD  
MADE CLEAR TO PLO REPRESENTATIVES THAT ARAFAT'S  
BODYGUARDS MAY NOT BE ARMED ON US SOIL. FAHMY AND  
SIRRI BOTH SAID THIS HAS REPEATEDLY BEEN DONE.

3. SUBJECT TO PLO NOTIFICATION OF NAMES TO UNSYG, FAHMY  
ASKED THAT EVERY EFFORT BE MADE TO EXPEDITE AUTHORIZATION TO  
ISSUE VISAS TO THREE SPECIAL ADVISORS (BEHLOULI, AWWAD AND  
FAROUK ABDEL RAHMAN) AND FOUR SECURITY GUARDS WHICH USG HAS  
ACCEPTED IN PRINCIPLE. I AGREED PASS ON EGYPTIAN REQUEST,

BUT EMPHASIZED IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT PLO NOTIFY UNSYG, NOTING  
FROM AN EGYPT UNDEL REPORT THAT AMBASSADOR SCHAUFELER IS FULLY  
AWARE OF ALL OF THE NAMES, FAHMY ASKED WHY USUN COULD NOT  
NOTIFY UNSYG. I TOLD HIM THAT  
USUN HAS BEEN INCLUDED IN ALL  
OF OUR PERTINENT COMMUNICATIONS, BUT AS WE PREVIOUSLY STRESSED,  
IDENTIFICATION TO UNSYG MUST COME FROM PLO REPRESENTATIVE.  
FAHMY DID NOT PUSH THE POINT.

4. FAHMY ALSO ASKED THAT IN ADDITION TO THE SEVEN VISAS THAT  
WE ARE IN PRINCIPLE WILLING TO ISSUE, IT WILL BE HELPFUL TO GO  
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IF USG WILL AGREE TO SEVERAL MORE OF THE PERSONS ON THE PLO  
LIST BEING GIVEN A VISA. IT WOULD MAKE IT EASIER TO COUNTER PLO  
CHARGES THAT USG BEING UNHELPFUL. I AGREED RELAY FAHMY'S REQUEST,  
BUT WITHOUT COMMITMENT. I POINTED OUT PLO DELEGATION IS  
ALREADY SIZEABLE AND THAT THE GREATER THE NUMBER, THE  
GREATER THE EXPOSURE TO SECURITY PROBLEMS.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: (AL ASSUMING PLO NOTIFIES UNSYG,

THAT EXPEDITIOUS AUTHORIZATION BE GIVEN TO ISSUE VISAS  
TO PERSONS MENTIONED IN PARA 3 ABOVE, AND (B) CONSIDERATION  
BE GIVEN TO EGYPTIAN REQUEST TO GRANT A FEW MORE  
VISAS TO PERSONS ON PLO LIST.  
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